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## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

## **BUSINESS, TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING AGENCY** DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS

TO: Motorcycle-escrow.com Motorcycle-Escrow Corporation Bijlimerplain 846 1104 HW, Amsterdam Netherlands

## **DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER**

(For violations of sections 17200 and 17403 of the California Financial Code)

The California Corporations Commissioner ("Commissioner") finds that:

- 1. Motorcycle-escrow.com and Motorcycle-Escrow Corporation have engaged in business as escrow agents by advertising escrow services over the Internet at www.motorcycle-escrow.com, from 1999 to the present as follows:
- a) Motorcycle-escrow.com represents on its website that the process works as follows: The buyer and seller agree to the terms of the transaction. The buyer submits a payment to Motorcycle-escrow.com, which verifies the payment. Motorcycle-escrow.com notifies the seller to ship its merchandise and then verifies that the buyer receives the shipment. The buyer accepts the goods. Motorcycle-escrow.com then pays the seller and the transaction is complete.
- b) Motorcycle-escrow.com claims to protect both the buyer and the seller from fraud with this process.
- 2. Neither Motorcycle-escrow.com nor Motorcycle-Escrow Corporation has been issued a license from the Commissioner authorizing either to conduct business as an escrow agent, as required by California Financial Code section 17200.
  - 3. Neither Motorcycle-escrow.com nor Motorcycle-Escrow Corporation is exempt from the

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licensing requirements of Section 17200.

4. Neither Motorcycle-escrow.com nor Motorcycle-Escrow Corporation has been issued a license from the Commissioner authorizing either to use words indicating that it is in the escrow business, as required by California Financial Code section 17403.

Based upon the foregoing findings, the California Corporations Commissioner is of the opinion that Motorcycle-escrow.com and Motorcycle-Escrow Corporation, and their officers, directors, partners, agents, employees and/or servants are in violation of California Financial Code sections 17200 and 17403(a). Pursuant to California Financial Code section 17416, Motorcycleescrow.com and Motorcycle-Escrow Corporation are hereby ordered to desist and refrain from engaging in the business of receiving escrows for deposit or delivery without first obtaining a license from the Commissioner. Pursuant to California Financial Code section 17403(b), Motorcycleescrow.com and Motorcycle-Escrow Corporation are further ordered to immediately desist and refrain from issuing, circulating, or publishing any advertisement by means of any communication, including any website, or making use of or circulating any letterheads, billheads, blank notes, blank receipts, blank escrow instructions, certificates, circulars, or any written or printed paper containing any fictitious or corporate name or other words indicating that it is in the escrow business. Pursuant to California Financial Code section 17210.2(c), Motorcycle-escrow.com and Motorcycle-Escrow Corporation are further ordered to immediately desist and refrain from disseminating, or causing or permitting to be disseminated, in any manner whatsoever, any statement or representation which is false, misleading, or deceptive, or which omits to state material information, or which refers to the supervision of that agent by the State of California or any department or official thereof.

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This Order is necessary, in the public interest, for the protection of investors and consistent with the purposes, policies and provisions of the California Escrow Law. This order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the California Corporations Commissioner.

Dated:

April 2, 2007

Sacramento, California



PRESTON DuFAUCHARD
California Corporations Commissioner

By:

SHARON A. LUERAS Lead Corporations Counsel Enforcement Division

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